



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held October 21, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich:

“Due to the October 2008 fires in the County of Los Angeles, it is important that the Department of Public Works install public safety protection devices and take measures at Public Works’ facilities at various locations in the vicinities of Lake View Terrace, Kagel Canyon, Lopez Canyon, Porter Ranch, Chatsworth, Twin Lakes, and other major watersheds burned in the Marek and Sesnon Fires. These devices and measures will protect homes and businesses from debris and mud flows in canyon areas where foliage was burned. These devices must be constructed and facilities restored to design capacity expeditiously in order to prepare for the rainy season currently underway and subsequent rainy seasons during the recovery period for the burned watersheds.

“The United States Department of Agriculture has an Emergency Watershed Program to address post-fire storm water management. The program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance as well as grants to local communities. These funds, combined with potential funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the State Office of Emergency Services, and County Flood Control District funds allow for the construction of facilities to address or mitigate the threat to the safety of area residents and businesses caused by the fires.

“The right-of-way acquisition and installation of public safety protection devices, their maintenance during the period of the burned watersheds’ recovery, and their post-recovery removal are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency that may be caused by the effects of the fires.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor , unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Chief Executive Officer was directed to direct the Acting Director of Public Works to use Flood Control District funds and have the Director of Internal Services expedite all associated procurement of equipment and materials to:

Acquire the necessary temporary rights-of-ways and permits and design, install, rehabilitate, and maintain measures to protect communities from flooding and mudflows that may be a result from the October 2008 fires;

Secure Federal and State funds to assist in protecting communities from the effects caused by the October 2008 fires; serve as the public sponsor for grant submissions to the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Federal Emergency Agency, and the State Office of Emergency Services;

Conduct business with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the State Office of Emergency Services on any and all matters related to grant funds for projects, including negotiating and executing grant agreements and signing requests for reimbursements;

Accept the grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the State Office of Emergency for projects implemented to protect communities from the effects caused by the October 2008 fires;

File a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for the right-of-way acquisition, installation, maintenance, and post-recovery removal of the devices to protect communities from the effects caused by the October 2008 fires; and

File a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for the installation and post-recovery removal of measures to protect communities from the effects caused by the October 2008 fires.

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